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## **TMA4267 Linear Statistical Models V2014 (11)**

**The multivariate normal density and ML estimates [4.4]**  
**The conditional distribution [4.5]**

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### PART 3

$\xrightarrow{\text{random vector}} \underline{X}_{p \times 1} \quad \xrightarrow{\text{random matrix}} \underline{X}_{n \times p} \quad \mu = E(\underline{X})$ 
  
 $\Sigma = \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{var in book}}}{\text{Cov}(\underline{X})} = E[(\underline{X} - \mu)(\underline{X} - \mu)^T]$

$$Y = C\underline{X}$$

$$E(Y) = C\mu, \text{Cov}(Y) = C\Sigma C^T$$

Properties of  $\Sigma$ : symmetric & positive definite E3

$$\Sigma = P \Lambda P^T, \Sigma^{1/2} = P \Lambda^{1/2} P^T, \Sigma^{-1} \text{ exists}$$

$\xrightarrow{\substack{\uparrow \\ c_i: \text{ols}}}$   $\Lambda \xrightarrow{\text{diag}(\lambda_i)}$

multivariate  
normal

(mvN)

$$\underset{p \times 1}{\underline{\mathbf{X}}} \sim N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$$

linear combinations of  $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$  is mvN  
Subsets of  $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$  is mvN  
zero covariance  $\Leftrightarrow$  independence  
conditional distributions  
or mvN

MGF:  $M_x(t) = \exp(t^\top \mu + \frac{1}{2} t^\top \Sigma t)$

p&f:  $f(x) = (2\pi)^{-p/2} \det(\Sigma)^{-1/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu)\right\}$

Distribution of:  $(\underline{\mathbf{X}} - \mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1} (\underline{\mathbf{X}} - \mu) \sim \chi_p^2$  ←  
(and form)

MLE  $\hat{\mu} = \bar{\underline{\mathbf{X}}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \underline{\mathbf{x}}_j$  ,  $S_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (\underline{\mathbf{x}}_j - \bar{\underline{\mathbf{X}}})(\underline{\mathbf{x}}_j - \bar{\underline{\mathbf{X}}})^\top$

# The Multivariate Normal Density [4.4]

- Univariate normal,  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{1}{\sigma} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x - \mu)^2\right\}$$

- Multivariate normal:

Let  $\mathbf{X}_{(p \times 1)}$  be a random vector from  $N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ , then

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{\frac{p}{2}} |\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{\frac{1}{2}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})\right\}$$

## The mvN density [4.4] (cont.)

$$\mathbf{z} \sim N(0, I)$$

$1 \times 1$   
↓ indep

$$\mathbf{z} \sim N_p(0, I)$$

$p \times 1$

$$f(\mathbf{z}) = \prod_{i=1}^p \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} z_i^2}$$

mv trans  
formula

$$\mathbf{x} = \Sigma^{1/2} \mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\mu}$$

$$\mathbf{x} \sim N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \Sigma)$$

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = (2\pi)^{-p/2} \det(\Sigma)^{-1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \Sigma^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\}$$

### Byproduct (E3)

$$Z = \Sigma^{-1/2}(X - \mu) \sim N_p(0, I) \text{ so}$$

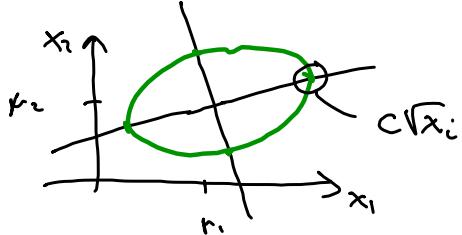
$$(X - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (X - \mu) = Z^T Z = Z_1^2 + Z_2^2 + \dots + Z_p^2 \sim \chi_p^2$$

$Z_1^2 \quad \uparrow \quad \uparrow \quad \text{independent}$

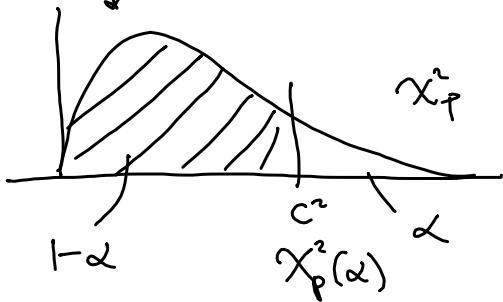
contours of  $N(\mu, \Sigma)$  with equal probability are ellipsoids, centered in  $\mu$  with axes in  $e_1, \dots, e_p$  (eigenvectors of  $\Sigma$ ).

We also know that

$$P((X - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (X - \mu) \leq c^2)$$



points inside ellipsoid



# Contours of multivariate normal distribution

- Contours of constant density for the  $p$ -dimensional normal distribution are ellipsoids defined by  $\mathbf{x}$  such that

$$(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = c^2$$

These ellipsoids are centered at  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  and have axes  $\pm c\sqrt{\lambda_i}\mathbf{e}_i$ , where  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{e}_i = \lambda_i\mathbf{e}_i$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, p$ .

- $(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$  is distributed as  $\chi_p^2$ .
- The volume inside the ellipsoid of  $\mathbf{x}$  values satisfying

$$(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \leq \chi_p^2(\alpha)$$

has probability  $1 - \alpha$ .

# Maximum likelihood estimators

Let  $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$  be a random sample of size  $n$  from the multivariate normal distribution  $N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$ . The maximum likelihood estimators for  $\mu$  and  $\Sigma$  are

$$\bar{\mathbf{X}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{X}_j$$

$$\mathbf{S}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (\mathbf{X}_j - \bar{\mathbf{X}})(\mathbf{X}_j - \bar{\mathbf{X}})^T$$

## Maximum likelihood (ML) estimation for $N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from  $N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$ .  
 $p \times 1$

i.e.  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  i.i.d.  $N_p(\mu, \Sigma)$

Aim: estimate  $\mu$  and  $\Sigma$ . MLE  $\xrightarrow{\text{estimator}}$  maximizes the  $L(\mu, \Sigma; x_1, \dots, x_n)$

$$L(\mu, \Sigma; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{j=1}^n f(x_j; \mu, \Sigma)$$

$$= \prod_{j=1}^n \left\{ (2\pi)^{-p/2} \det(\Sigma)^{-1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x_j - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x_j - \mu)\right) \right\}$$

$$= (2\pi)^{-np/2} \det(\Sigma)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x_j - \mu)}_{\text{homework}}\right)$$

Tricks:  $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$

$$\text{tr}(A+B) = \text{tr}(A) + \text{tr}(B)$$

$$\text{tr}(\text{scalar}) = \text{scalar}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - \bar{x} + \bar{x} - \mu)(x_j - \bar{x} + \bar{x} - \mu)^T$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - \bar{x})(x_j - \bar{x})^T + n(\bar{x} - \mu)(\bar{x} - \mu)^T$$

homework

$$\begin{cases} \text{tr}(A) = \text{sum of the diagonal elements of } A \\ \text{tr}(\Sigma) = \text{sum of variances} \end{cases}$$

Result of fricks -  $\swarrow$  may see p 113 of BF(2010)

$$L(\mu, \Sigma; x_1, \dots, x_n) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{n\theta}{2}} \det(\Sigma)^{-\frac{n}{2}}$$

$$\exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \left[ \text{tr} \left( \Sigma^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - \bar{x})(x_j - \bar{x})^T \right) + n(\bar{x} - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (\bar{x} - \mu) \right] \right\}$$

Maximum wrt  $\mu$

$$\hat{\mu}_{MLE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n X_j$$

$\Sigma^{-1}$  is SPD so that  $a^T \Sigma^{-1} a > 0 \quad \forall a \neq 0$ , so  
 $a = (\bar{x} - \mu) = 0 \iff \mu = \bar{x}$  gives the max wrt  $\mu$ .

## Maximum wrt $\Sigma$

Book:  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \Sigma}$ . First insert  $\mu = \bar{x}$ .

Else use result:

$$L \propto \det(\Sigma)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \text{tr}\left(\Sigma^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - \bar{x})(x_j - \bar{x})^T\right)\right\}$$

$$\max_{\Sigma} \frac{1}{\det(\Sigma)^b} \exp(-\text{tr}(\Sigma^{-1} B^{\frac{1}{2}}))$$

is achieved for  $\Sigma = \frac{1}{2b} B$  where  $B$  is PD (Johnson & Wichern p 170-171)

We have:  $b = \frac{n}{2}$ ,  $B = \sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - \bar{x})(x_j - \bar{x})^T$

$$S_n = \hat{\Sigma}_{LE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=r}^n (X_j - \bar{X})(X_j - \bar{X})^T$$

## Properties :

1)  $\bar{X} \sim N_p(\mu, \frac{1}{n}\Sigma)$

2)  $\frac{S_n/n}{n-1}$  is an unbiased estimator for  $\Sigma$ .

# Properties of the ML estimators

- $\bar{\mathbf{X}}$  is distributed as  $N_p(\mu, \frac{1}{n}\Sigma)$
- $n\mathbf{S}$  is distributed as a Wishart random matrix with  $n - 1$  degrees of freedom.
- $\bar{\mathbf{X}}$  and  $n\mathbf{S}$  are independent.

The Wishart distribution is not on the reading list for TMA4267.  
General properties of maximum likelihood estimation is covered in detail in TMA4295 Statistical Inference.

## Conditioning [4.5]

Ch 1: L3

$$(X, Y) \sim N_2 \left( \begin{bmatrix} \mu_x \\ \mu_y \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_x^2 & \rho \sigma_x \sigma_y \\ \rho \sigma_x \sigma_y & \sigma_y^2 \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

The condition distribution of  $Y$  given  $X=x$

$$f(y|x) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f(x)}$$

We found  $(Y|X=x) \sim N_1(E(Y|X=x), \text{Var}(Y|X=x))$

$$E(Y|X=x) = \mu_y + \rho \frac{\sigma_y}{\sigma_x} (x - \mu_x)$$

$$\text{Var}(Y|X=x) = (1 - \rho^2) \sigma_y^2$$

Which was used to motivate a simple linear regression

$$Y = E(Y|X=x) + \varepsilon$$

$\uparrow N(0, \text{Var}(Y|X=x))$

How to generalize to  $p$  dimensions?

$\overline{\mathbf{X}}_{p \times 1} \sim N_p(\mu, \Sigma) \rightarrow$  divide into  $X_1$  and  $X_2$

$r_1 \times 1$

$r_2 \times 1$

$$r_1 + r_2 = p$$

$$\text{Eg. } \overline{\mathbf{X}}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ \vdots \\ X_{r_1} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \overline{\mathbf{X}}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} X_{r_1+1} \\ \vdots \\ X_p \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mu_{r_1} \\ \mu_{r_1+1} \\ \vdots \\ \mu_p \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{11} & \sigma_{12} & \dots & \sigma_{1, r_1} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ \sigma_{r_1, 1} & \dots & \dots & \sigma_{r_1, r_1} \end{bmatrix} \quad \Sigma_{22} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{r_1+1, r_1+1} & \dots & \sigma_{r_1+1, p} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \sigma_{p, r_1+1} & & \sigma_{pp} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma_{12} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{1, r_1+1} & \dots & \sigma_{1, p} \\ \sigma_{2, r_1+1} & \dots & \sigma_{2, p} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \sigma_{r_1, r_1+1} & & \sigma_{r_1, p} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Sigma_{21} = \Sigma_{12}^T$$

## Theorem 4.25

$$X_2 | X_1 = x \sim N_{r_2} \left( E(X_2 | X_1 = x_1), \text{Cov}(X_2 | X_1 = x_1) \right)$$

$$E(X_2 | X_1 = x_1) = \mu_2 + \Sigma_{21} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} (x_1 - \mu_1)$$

$$\text{Cov}(X_2 | X_1 = x_1) = \Sigma_{22} - \Sigma_{21} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} \Sigma_{12}$$

this motivates multiple linear regression

Proof: p 119 of BF (2010).

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# Properties of the Multivariate Normal Distribution [4.3-4.5]

Let  $\mathbf{X}_{(p \times 1)}$  be a random vector from  $N_p(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ .

1. Linear combinations of components of  $\mathbf{X}$  are (multivariate) normal.
2. All subsets of the components of  $\mathbf{X}$  are (multivariate) normal.
3. Zero covariance implies that the corresponding components are independently distributed.
4. The conditional distributions of the components are (multivariate) normal.

$$\mathbf{X}_2 | (\mathbf{X}_1 = \mathbf{x}_1) \sim N_{r_2}(\boldsymbol{\mu}_2 + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1}(\mathbf{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1), \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{22} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{21}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{11}^{-1}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{12})$$